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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For: **Method and Apparatus for Ensuring Scalable Mastership During Initialization of a  
System Area Network**

Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 35 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
- ☒ 7 Pages of Claims
- ☒ 9 Sheet(s) of Drawings (*informal*)
- ☒ 2 Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

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Total Claims	20	-20 =	0	X	\$ 18	=	\$0
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